GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3440
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MOBILE ZOOS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered as well as unregistered mobile zoos operating in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have banned the unregistered mobile zoos in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of assistance, if any, given to such registered mobile zoos by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS

(SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a),(b),(c)&(d)
The state-wise list of mobile zoos which applied for registration is attached (Annexure I).The list is as on 4.8.1993 i.e. cut of date for making applications by zoos which were operating before the notification of the `Recognition` of Zoo Rules 1992 under Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.

No Mobile Zoo has been given registration by Central Zoo Authority to operate in the country.Under section 38 H of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, operation of un-registered zoo in the country is illegal. During evaluation of the mobile zoos it has been found that the animals were being kept in small cramped cages in totally un-hygienic conditions. These mobile zoos were also found to be acquiring wild animals in violation of Wildlife (Protection) Act. In view of these findings the Central Zoo Authority and Central Government have decided not to grant recognition to mobile zoos. This decision has also been upheld by the Hon`ble High Court of Delhi.No financial assistance has been given to any mobile zoo by the Government.

ANNEXURE - I

ANNEXURE IN RESPECT TO PARTS (a),(b),(c)&(d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3440 FOR 17.4.2000

Name of the Mobile Zoos which applied for recognition to the Central Zoo Authority by 04-08-1993, i.e. cut of date for making applications by zoos Which were operating before the amendment of the Act.

Bihar

1. Ajanta Tourist Zoo, Patna, Bihar 2. Amar Tourist Zoo, Patna, Bihar 3. Bajrang Zoo, Darbhanga, Bihar 4. Bharat Zoo, Gulzara Bagh Patna 5. Diamond Tourist Zoo, Patna 6. Gemini Tourist Zoo, Patna 7 New Janta Travelling Zoo, Patna 8. New Ramond Tourist Zoo Patna 9. Ramond Tourist Zoo, Patna 10. Sri Pramod (Touring Zoo), Muzaffarpur, Bihar 11. Tourist Janta Zoo, Patna
Tamil Nadu
12. Maniunatha Mini Zoo (Mobile)
Uttar Pradesh
13. Azad Chiryaghar (Touring), Uttar Pradesh 14. Bajrang Touring Zoo, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh 15. Bharat Mini Zoo, Chilkana, Uttar Pradesh 16. Bhartiya Touring Zoo, Lalbagh, Uttar Pradesh 17. Bina Kamal Golden Zoo, Uttar Pradesh 18. New pardeshi Touring Zoo, Hardoi 19. Pardeshi Chiryaghar, Sitapur
West Bengal
20. Anita Mobile Zoo, Baruipur, Parganas South 21. Chitra Touring Zoo, J.N. Sarkar Street, Calcutta 22. Famous Mobile Zoo, Hawral 23. Jaya Mobile Zoo, Howrah

Zoos which applied after 04.08.1993
Uttar Pradesh
24. New Jai Hind Zoo, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 25. Jaihind Zoo, Agra, Uttar Pradesh

Note: Three mobile zoos, 2 from Madhya Pradesh and 1 from Rajasthan have Filed a writ petition in the Hon`ble High Court of Delhi. However they did not make any application to the Central Zoo Authority.

1. Lakshmi Touring Zoo - Madhya Pradesh
2. Hira Golden Zoo - Madhya Pradesh
3. Ganesh Touring Zoo - Rajasthan